

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly enter the following amendment to the claims herein:

1. (Amended) A composition suitable for laser welding comprising a thermoplastic resin and a 1:2 metallic azo complex dye being transparent for the near-infrared spectrum of a laser beam applied in said laser welding having a main wavelength from 800 nm to 1200 nm.

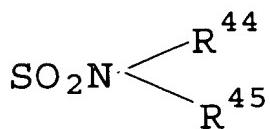
2. (Amended) A thermoplastic resin composition for laser welding comprising

1) at least one thermoplastic resin; and,

2) a black colorant having at least one of 1:2 metallic azo complex dyes of the following formulas, said 1:2 metallic azo complex dye being transparent for the near-infrared spectrum of a laser beam applied in said laser welding having a main wavelength from 800 nm to 1200 nm:

The formula [I]

Wherein R<sup>39</sup>, R<sup>41</sup>, which may be the same or different, are Cl,

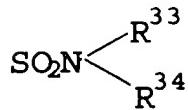


, or SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>43</sup>, R<sup>44</sup>, R<sup>45</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently hydrogen atom, linear or branched C1-C4alkyl, R<sup>43</sup>is linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl, R<sup>40</sup>, R<sup>42</sup>, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen, liner or branched C1-C18 alkyl group, linear or branched C2-C18alkenyl group, sulfonamide group, carboxyl group, mesyl group, hydroxyl group, C1-C18 alkoxy group, acethylamino group, benzoylamino group, a halogen atom or -CONH-R<sup>46</sup>, R<sup>46</sup> is functional group selected from unsubstituted or substituted linear or branched C1-C18 alkyl or unsubstituted

substituted C6-C18 aryl group, L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>2</sub> are independently O or COO,  
(E)<sup>+</sup> are H<sup>+</sup>; cation of alkali metal, ammonium ion, cations of organic amine including aliphatic primary, secondary and tertiary amines, quaternary ammonium ion.  
, K<sup>3</sup> is an integer, m<sup>3</sup> is 0,1 or 2,  
M<sup>1</sup> is a kind of metals having coordination numbers of from 2 to 4;

The formula [II]

wherein R<sup>30</sup> and R<sup>31</sup>, which may be the same or different, are Cl,



SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>32</sup>, or H,

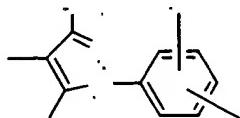
R<sup>33</sup> and R<sup>34</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently hydrogen atom, linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl,

R<sup>32</sup> is linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl, L<sub>3</sub> and L<sub>4</sub> are independently O or COO,  
(D)<sup>+</sup> is hydrogen ion, cation of alkali metals, ammonium ion, cations of organic amine including aliphatic primary, secondary and tertiary amines, quaternary ammonium ion,

K<sup>2</sup> is an integer, m<sup>2</sup> is 0,1 or 2,

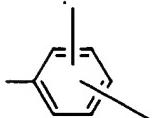
M<sup>2</sup> is metals of atomic numbers of from 2 to 4.;

B is represented by formula



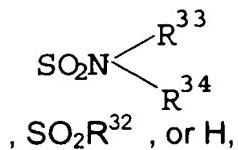
-----[III]

or



-----[IV]

wherein R<sup>35</sup> and R<sup>37</sup>, which may be the same or different, are Cl,



R<sup>33</sup> and R<sup>34</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently hydrogen atom, linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl, and R<sup>36</sup> and R<sup>38</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently hydrogen atom, linear or branched C1-C18 alkyl, carboxyl, hydroxyl, C1-C18 alkoxy, amino or halogen atoms.

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Kindly add the following new claims:

11. (New) The composition of claim 2 wherein, in the formula [I], M<sup>1</sup> is trivalent metal.

12. (New) The composition of claim 2 wherein, in the formula [II], M<sup>1</sup> is Zn, Sr, Cr, Al, Ti, Fe, Zr, Ni, Co, Mn, B, Si and Sn

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This amendment is for the purposes of meeting the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Applicants amendment filed on January 28, 2003 was considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the 37 CFR 1.121 requirements.